

Dexter King Says 'Raoul' Has Been Found

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The son of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. said yesterday that the man his father's confessed assassin has named as King's real killer, an arms smuggler named "Raoul," has been located.

Dexter King met last week with James Earl Ray, who is serving a 99-year prison sentence for the 1968 murder, and said he was convinced the 69-year-old Ray is innocent.

Ray initially confessed to the murder but later recanted, saying his confession was coerced by his lawyers to avoid the death penalty. He said the real killer was "Raoul."

King, speaking on CNN's "Crossfire Sunday" program, said there was "very compelling evidence that should be brought before a court of law."

King declined to identify "Raoul" or reveal his location "for fear of his safety ... (or) that he might leave before being brought to justice."